



**H.Res. 590 – Supporting the goals and ideals of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month and expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that Congress should raise awareness of domestic violence in the United States and its devastating effects on families and communities**

**Floor Situation**

H.Res. 590 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Ted Poe (R-TX) on July 31, 2007, and has not been considered by any committee.

H.Res. 590 is expected to be considered by the House of Representatives on September 25, 2007.

**Summary**

H.Res.590 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- Supports the goals and ideals of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month; and
- Expresses the sense of the House of Representatives that Congress should continue to raise awareness of domestic violence in the United States and its devastating effects on families and communities.

**Background**

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), “intimate partner violence (IPV) is a serious, preventable public health problem affecting more than 32 million Americans.”

People aged 15 to 44 years comprise 44 percent of the population, but account for nearly 75 percent of injuries and 83 percent of costs due to interpersonal violence.

Congress passed the first resolution endorsing National Domestic Violence Awareness Month in 1989.

**Cost**

At the time of printing, the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) had not scored this legislation.

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